



# St. Nicholas' Parish News

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Third Sunday of Lent



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## Mass Times

**WEEKDAY** 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel  
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

**WEEKEND** Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time, and opportunities at your disposal?

2. 'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that'. Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. **NOW** is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable - useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

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### Prayer for when you can't receive communion

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

### HOLY HOUR FOR LENT

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in St Nicholas church.

On Tuesday next, March 22nd the first part of the Holy Hour will be a prayer for peace, especially in Ukraine.



### PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: [Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com)

## COLLECTION FOR Ukraine

We are organising a special collection on the weekend of March 26th/27th at all masses in our Parish for the people of the Ukraine.

Aid will be given through Trocaire and the Irish Emergency Alliance special Appeal. Your donation will rush humanitarian support to the frontlines, providing food, shelter, blankets, medical supplies and emotional support to families in their darkest hour.



## Parish Office Opening

**hours** Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house.

Phone: 061-341300

Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

### Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Michael, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina, Ciara and Bobby.

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: [stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com) or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



### From Diocese of Limerick on Facebook

John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." Luke 3:11

In these dark days of conflict for the people of Ukraine and other war-torn countries we are seeing many examples of people working together to gather supplies and funds to send to those fleeing the war. People are offering safe haven and hospitality in their homes, recognising a kinship with the elderly, the women and children who find themselves in the horrendous situation of having to leave their homes, their country, and their men, bringing with them only what they can carry. In the media we see someone playing a piano to create a sense of calm and welcome for these weary people as they cross the border, we see volunteers stepping forward with gifts of teddy bears

for young children, we see women leaving buggies in train stations to help transport toddlers. These are glimmers of hope, light and kindness in a world that is filled with so much darkness and suffering.

May we always be ready to step forward and be a beacon of light for others, whether by donating, volunteering, solidarity or prayer.

These lines from Amanda Gorman's poem 'The Hill We Climb' at the US President's inauguration are a powerful reminder to us:

"When day comes, we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.  
The new dawn blooms as we free it.  
For there is always light,  
if only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it."



### CROSS OF LOVE

This Lent we are creating a cross of love, as a reminder that as a Parish we stand beside and pray for each other in our struggles. If You would like to remember a family member, friend or neighbour who is struggling at the moment, please write their 1st name on the paper heart provided in St Nicholas church and place in the box. The hearts will be placed on the cross in St Nicholas church (name facing inwards).

### CLOTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Many of us have lost loved ones over the past 2 years. This Lent, we are creating a cloth to remember family members, friends and neighbours who have died over the past 2 years. We invite You to write on one of the pieces of material provided or bring your own (any colour, 4 inches square) and leave it in the labelled box. These pieces will be sewn together into a garment and hung on the cross on Good Friday.

### COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP CAN YOU DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED?

**SATURDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> 1pm- 3pm**

**Raheen: St. Nesson's Church Car Park, St. Nesson's Road**

Can you help us to gather much-needed essential items for vulnerable mothers and babies? Items from our list (see website below) can be dropped off at the above location on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Every item donated will go directly to a family in need, including refugees and those in homelessness. Thank you for your support.

For more information: [www.communityconnect.ie/veanddrop/](http://www.communityconnect.ie/veanddrop/)

